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In re Patent Application of)	
Charles F. Fritter et al.)	Art Unit: 3644
Serial No.: 10/618,401)	Examiner: Kimberly S. Smith
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Title: COMPOSITE PARTICLE ANIMAL)	
<u>LITTER AND METHOD THEREOF</u>)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a preliminary amendment in a RCE Application. It comprises a response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2006 in the parent application, currently due August 6, 2007 with a three month extension of time. A three month extension of time is requested.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.